



AUGUST 2018 Newsletter

“There is a garden in every childhood, an enchanted place where colors are brighter, the air is softer, and the morning more fragrant than ever again.”
- Elizabeth Lawrence

Dear Parents,

The month of August has been a foundational one at Indus Early Learning Centre as students and teachers focused on settling into classroom routines and establishing trusting relationships within their community of learners. The students have adjusted well to school after the summer holidays and are all happily participating in the wide array of activities, projects and events that are a part of daily school life at IELC.



The new year has heralded in many welcome changes. One of them being an addition of a STEAM lab to our existing facility. The premise of starting STEAM Education so young is that study after study has shown that children who experience STEAM education early on will be best equipped in understanding STEAM concepts later in their academic careers. We also believe STEAM-proficient students are logical thinkers and are able to answer complex questions and develop solutions for problems. Apart from that we have set up two new Classroom spaces. We have also created a new playground space by restructuring the front lawns and lastly we eagerly await the rope course to be set up with expertise from IISL. Our Chess Classes will be beginning the in the September first week for Prep 1, Prep 2 and Grade 1 and students are eager to begin the same and take their learning to higher levels. I am happy to share that we have started our School Bus Services as well and a new 16-seater Tempo Traveler Bus has been introduced.



It was a pleasure meeting you all on Curriculum Road Map Day as well as for the PAC Meeting. I would like to congratulate the incoming PAC team and wish them a collaborative stint. We look forward to working with the PAC team and taking IELC RMV to greater heights.

The members for PAC Team 2018-19 are as mentioned below -

Pre- Nursery- Ms. Manisha (Rihaan's mom)

Nursery A- Ms. Shayna (Aadi's mom)

Nursery B- Ms. Aanchal (Kiaash's mom)

Reception A: Ms. Shalini (Lishaan's mom)

Reception B: Ms. Veena (Ronav 's mom)

Prep 1: Ms. Arafa (Umar 's mom) and Ms. Ganavi (Viaan's mom)

Prep 2: Ms. Alia (Omar's mom) and Ms. Uma (Nidhi's Mom)

Grade 1- Ms. Stina (Josef's mom)

Another new endeavor we have taken up this academic year, as part of the leadership curriculum is Goal setting, for students of Prep 1, Prep 2 and Grade 1 through the medium of a Goal setting week where students, parents and teachers have been looking at the three key areas of goal setting, curricula, co-curricular, social and emotional, to set goals and keep track and monitor them through SMART technique.

As we keep updating the Facebook page with events and pictures of all the special things we do at our school I would like to invite you to view and like the IELC RMV's Facebook page. Please visit the page: <https://www.facebook.com/IELCRMV/>.

Independence Day Celebration at IELC RMV and Indus International School Bangalore

Students and Staff of Indus celebrated India's 72nd Independence Day on the 14th and 15th of August respectively.



At IELC RMV students got the opportunity to celebrate India's Independence Day on 14th August. We celebrated our 72nd Indian Independence Day by gathering for an assembly conducted by Prep 2 students who shared the significance of the day. They began the assembly by singing the Indian national anthem and enlightening the young ones about the National leaders of India. This was followed by the famous song "Nanna Munna raahi hoon". Each class made tri-colour crafts to reinforce the concept of the national colours.

Teachers from all IELC's were in attendance at IISB on 15th August where the event was celebrated with aplomb and gaiety.



Keeping Safe Week



*As part of our endeavor to develop independence and self-management skills, particularly keeping safe, we conducted the **Keep Safe Week from 20th August to 24th August, 2017**. Our students viewed a role play based on the topics "Stranger is Danger" and 'Good touch and bad touch'. Ms. Vani SEN (Special Educational Needs) teacher introduced good touch and bad touch to the children by explaining to them the same by means of a song. We also spoke about different types of touches and good secrets and bad secrets with the help of Poppy the Giraffe.*

Students were introduced to the various grade related topics through presentations, role play, songs and puppet shows. The children were taught about strangers being a danger and what they must do if a stranger comes to them. They also learnt about road and school safety rules. Apart from that, children were engaged in many sessions to recognize safe and unsafe spots at school, home and the outdoors. The Prep 1, 2 and Grade 1 children were also introduced to Kitchen and Road Safety. They demonstrated their understanding in their reflections through their drawings. A fire drill was also conducted in school and our students practiced the stop-drop and roll method in case of a fire. Since children learn best through reinforcement, their class teachers will continue discussing related topics during circle time, which is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their thoughts and build an environment of trust, shared learning and care.

As part of the professional development of our staff to ensure all staff are equipped and trained to handle first aid emergencies we conducted our annual First Aid Training Workshop which was held on 11th August, 2018. All teachers, assistants and support staff were part of this training which was conducted by Red Cross Society.

New; from the Grades

Grade 1

Grade 1 had settled in swiftly and are enjoying the challenges of the graduation to a higher grade. During safety week they discussed personal body safety and body safety rules. They also spoke about online safety and digital footprints. For Independence day they created tri-colored made hand bands and a craft of the national animal- tiger. In language Grade 1's will be implementing the Reader's workshop and the writer's workshop will continue as the previous year. They will also start the R.E.D. Program by the end of this month.



PREP 2

Through many interactions with class buddies Prep 2's are now settled into the school routine and set to enjoy their journey of learning. In pursuit of the value of building self-confidence and independent thinking, students collaboratively made 'Essential Agreements' for their class community and have been allotted with different responsibilities.



PREP 1

Prep 1 students in the first three weeks of school have been involved in fun, engaging and explorative activities to develop their gross and fine motors skills. In Unit Of Inquiry, students made meaningful connections with their first line of Inquiry, Relationships within families, through a role play that demonstrated the structure of a basic family. Children enjoyed outdoor play immensely and loved riding on the cars and tricycles and playing on the slides.



RECEPTION

The Reception students have settled well into their daily routines and engage in associative play to build trust and camaraderie with their peers of all ages. Their first unit of inquiry is, 'Marvelous Me' which delves into the nature of the self; beliefs and values, human relationship including families, friends, communities, and cultures. Children were asked to look into the mirror and talk about themselves as one of the warm up activities. They are learning to embrace their unique identity but are also sensitive to differences in their friends. The multi-cultural environment at school, provides a firm foundation to be accepting of varied cultures and backgrounds.



NURSERY

Nursery students have settled into their daily routines smoothly. They look forward to their circle times with nursery rhymes, passing the ball game and parachute play. In the first four weeks, children have been involved in fun, engaging and explorative activities to develop their gross and fine motors skills. Children enjoyed outdoor play immensely and loved the slides, riding the bikes and playing on the new playground.



PRE- NURSERY

Our youngest lot have been settled and bonded well with their teachers. They look forward to the daily play time and have fun during 'circle time' eagerly and follow new routines! This month, children have discovered their keen sense of sight, smell and hearing in their Foundational Theme – All about me! This exploration has been through hands-on activities like the peek-a-boo game, which was a delight and reinforced all they saw with their little eyes.



After-School Classes

After-school Classes will begin as per schedule finalized. The schedule of days is mentioned below. We will also be introducing the Kannada Class which is a PAC endeavor as soon as we are able to identify a Kannada teacher for the same. Apart from that I am in the process of fine tuning the start date of the gardening workshop and will inform you. Fees for the same will be shared shortly.

After School Activities:

After-School Class	Day	Time	No. of classes in a month	Start date
Kannada Language Class (Prep 1, Prep 2 and G1)	Tuesday	2:45 pm to 3:30pm	4	Will inform shortly
Gardening and Composting Workshop (Prep 1, Prep 2 and G1)	Wednesday	2:45 pm to 3:30pm	4	Will inform shortly
Robotics Level 1 & 2- Prep 1 Level 3 & 4- Prep 2 and G1	Thursday	Level 1 & 2- Prep 1 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm Level 3 & 4- Prep 2 and G1 3:00pm to 3:45 pm	4	6 th September

Save the Dates

Dates	Events
1st September, Saturday	Jolly Phonics Presentation / Workshop for Parents
5th September, Wednesday	Teacher's Day Celebration and Assembly
13th September, Thursday	Holiday for Ganesh Chaturthi
28th September, Friday	Inquiry Cycle Presentation (Prep 1, Prep 2, Grade 1)



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